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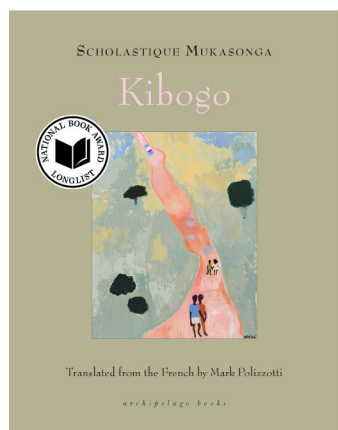
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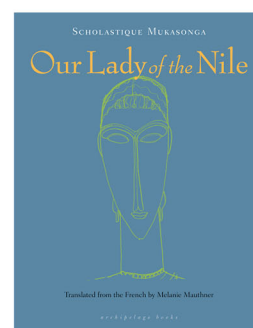
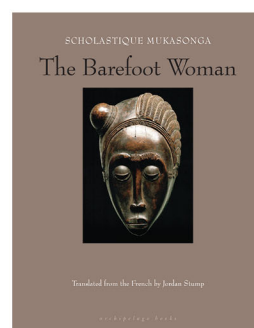
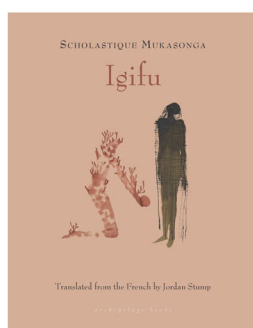
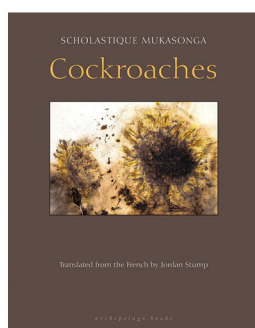
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SCHOLASTIQUE MUKASONGA was born in Rwanda in 1956. She settled in France in 1992, only two years before the brutal genocide of the Tutsi swept through Rwanda. Her groundbreaking books include: her debut novel *Our Lady of the Nile*, *Cockroaches* (chosen by the *New York Times* as one of the fifty best memoirs of the last fifty years), *Igifu*, and the National Book Award-nominated *The Barefoot Woman*, expertly translated by Jordan Stump. In 2021, she won the Simone de Beauvoir Prize for Women's Freedom.



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